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College Station City Council College Station Planning and Zoning Commission 1101 Texas Ave. S. College Station, Texas 7784

RE: Conditional Use Permit Request for 201 College Main

Dear Council and Commissioners,

The Northgate District Association is aware that the property owner at 201 College Main has requested a Conditional Use Permit for a nightclub at this location. Our organization, which is comprised of 77 of the property and business owners in the area, discussed the request at our meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>. We believe that it is in the best long-term interest of the Northgate area for the City to approve the permit that has been requested for this property.

As the members of our organization have a vested interest in safeguarding and improving the vitality and character of the area, we are uniquely situated to evaluate the compatibility of any change of use that is proposed for the area. It is our desire that Northgate be a vibrant multi-use area comprised of a balance of retail, commercial, office, entertainment, institutional, including municipal and religious facilities, and residential uses.

Over the past several years the City has invested quite a lot of time and money into infrastructure improvements in this area to spur the revitalization of the district. It is imperative to the revitalization process that the City takes steps at this time to foster the retention of existing businesses and encourage development of new business enterprises.

Again, we respectfully request that the City approve the Conditional Use Permit that has been requested for the property located at 201 College Main.

Sincerely,

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